

Claim 1 (Currently amended) A method for managing attachments documents to electronic mail messages comprising the steps of;

receiving an electronic mail message at a destination location;

determining whether there is an attachment document associated with the received electronic mail message;

when the determination is that there is an attachment document, determining an origin of the attachment document to the electronic message, by determining whether the attachment document was created at the location of the sender of the electronic message;

when the determination is that the attachment document ~~docket~~ was originally created at the location of the sender of the electronic mail message, deleting the attachment document from the electronic mail message received at the sender location of the electronic mail message originated at the destination location of the electronic message;

creating at the destination location of the electronic message a link to the original document ~~located at the destination location of the electronic message~~ ;

deleting the attachment document when the determination is that the attachment docket was originally created at the location of the sender of the electronic mail message

updating the received message to reflect the deleted attachment; and

determining if there are additional attachment documents in the received electronic mail message.

Claim 2 (Original) The method as described in claim 1 wherein the destination location of the electronic message is the location of the sender of the electronic message.

Claim 3 (Currently amended) The method as described in claim 1 further comprising before said origin determination step, the step of determining whether the received electronic message has an attachment.

Claim 4 (Previously presented) The method as described in claim 1 further comprising after the attachment deleting step, the step of saving the electronic message.

Claim 5 (Canceled)

Claim 6 (Canceled)

Claim 7 (Currently amended) The method as described in claim 1 further comprising before said attachment origin determination step, the step of prompting a recipient of a message to determine ~~determining~~ whether ~~a~~ the recipient of an electronic message desires to save the electronic message.

Claim 8 (Currently amended) A method for managing attachments documents to electronic mail messages comprising the steps of;

receiving an electronic mail message at a destination location;

determining whether a received electronic mail message has an attachment document;

when the determination is that the received electronic mail message does have the attachment document, determining whether the attachment was locally created;

when the determination is that the attachment document was locally created, determining whether the electronic mail recipient desires to modify the attachment document that was locally created at the destination location of the electronic message;

when the determination is that the user does not want to modify the attachment document, deleting the attachment document from the message;

creating a link to the original document located at the destination location of the electronic message; and

storing the receive electronic mail message without the attachment document.

Claim 9 (Canceled)

Claim 10 (Original) The method as described in claim 8 further comprising before said origin determination step the step of determining whether the received electronic message has an attachment.

Claim 11 (Canceled)

Claim 12 (Original) The method as described in claim 8 wherein said attachment origin determination step further comprises determining whether the attachment was created at the location of the sender of the electronic message.

Claim 13 (Original) The method as described in claim 8 further comprising before said link creation step, the step of updating the received message to reflect the modified attachment.

Claim 14 (Original) The method as described in claim 8 further comprising before said attachment origin determination step, the step of determining whether the recipient of an electronic message desires to save the electronic message.

Claim 15 (Previously presented) A computer program product in a computer readable storage medium for notifying a recipient of an electronic message of message reply requirements comprising:

instructions receiving an electronic mail message at a destination location;

instructions determining whether there is an attachment document associated with the received electronic mail message;

when the determination is that there is an attachment document, instructions determining an origin of an attachment to the electronic message, by determining whether the attachment was created at the location of the sender of the electronic message;

when the determination is that the attachment docket was originally created at the location of the sender of the electronic mail message, instructions deleting the attachment

document from the electronic mail message received at the sender location of the electronic mail message originated at the destination location of the electronic message;

instructions creating a link to an original document located at the destination location of the electronic message;

instructions deleting the attachment document when the determination is that the attachment docket was originally created at the location of the sender of the electronic mail message

instructions updating the received message to reflect the deleted attachment; and

instructions determining if there are additional attachment documents in the received electronic mail message.

Claim 16 (Original) The computer program product as described in claim 15 further comprising before said origin determination instructions, instructions for determining whether the received electronic message has an attachment.

Claim 17 (Original) The computer program product as described in claim 15 further comprising after said attachment deleting instructions, instructions for saving the electronic message.

Claim 18 (Original) The computer program product as described in claim 15 wherein said attachment origin determination instructions further comprise instructions for determining whether the attachment was created at the location of the sender of the electronic message.

Claim 19 (Original) The computer program product as described in claim 15 further comprising before said link creation instructions, instructions for updating the received message to reflect the deleted attachment.

Claim 20 (Original) The computer program product as described in claim 15 further comprising before said attachment origin determination instructions, instructions for

determining whether the recipient of an electronic message desires to save the electronic message.

Claim 21 (Previously presented) A computer program product in a computer readable storage medium for notifying a recipient of an electronic message of message reply requirements comprising:

instructions receiving an electronic mail message at a destination location;

instructions determining whether a received electronic mail message has an attachment document;

when the determination is that the received electronic mail message does have an attachment document, instructions determining whether the attachment was locally created;

when the determination is that the attachment document was locally created, instructions determining whether the electronic mail recipient desires to modify the attachment document that was locally created at the destination location of the electronic message;

when the determination is that the user does not want to modify the attachment document, instructions deleting the attachment document from the message;

instructions creating a link to the original document located at the destination location of the electronic message; and

instructions storing the received electronic mail message without the attachment document.

Claim 22 (Original) The computer program product as described in claim 21 further comprising after said modification determination instructions, instructions for modifying the attachment.

Claim 23 (Original) The computer program product as described in claim 21 further comprising before said origin determination instructions, instructions for determining whether the received electronic message has an attachment.

Claim 24 (Original) The computer program product as described in claim 22 further comprising after said modification determination instructions, instructions for deleting the attachment when there is a determination that the recipient does not want to modify the attachment.

Claim 25 (Original) The computer program product as described in claim 21 wherein said attachment origin determination instructions further comprise instructions for determining whether the attachment was created at the location of the sender of the electronic message.

Claim 26 (Original) The computer program product as described in claim 21 further comprising before said link creation instructions, instructions for updating the received message to reflect the modified attachment.

Claim 27 (Original) The computer program product as described in claim 21 further comprising before said attachment origin determination instructions, instructions for determining whether the recipient of an electronic message desires to save the electronic message.